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In re Application of

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	AB	4,224,421	9/23/80	Streit et al.			7/3/78
	AC	4,425,405	1/10/84	Murakami et al.			8/19/81
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